

**GORE HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**406-761-6528**  
**Minutes of the Public Board Meeting**  
**Public Meeting**  
**Aug. 27, 2024**

Board Members present: Dave Schuler, Jerry Ulmen, Kristie Blackford  
Conducting: Dennis Peppenger  
Recording Secretary: Christy Walter  
General Manager: Brian Blackford  
Bookkeeper: Arny Schandelson

The Public Meeting began at 7:07 pm

Motion to open the meeting: Jerry  
Second: Kristie Passed

Motion to accept the minutes of 8/13/24: Kristie  
Second: Jerry Passed

Checks Received at the meeting:

**Old Business:**

3/12/24 ~ Dave reported from Joel on 2/27/2024 that MJD is six weeks out on equipment for the Poly Phosphates.  
4/9/2024 ~ Chemical Feed MT (polyphosphates) is waiting on materials/equipment before they complete install. 5/28/2024  
~ Good News - We received an email from Marty at MJD Contracting saying the materials are in Billings being delivered to Helena early next week. Hopefully the install will be complete by July 1<sup>st</sup>. 6/25/2024 ~ no updates on phosphates.  
7/9/2024~Brian received a text from MJD saying he should have the remaining supplies by the end of this week?  
7/23/2024 ~ Hawkins will be delivering the phosphates. It is supposedly in route. 8/27/24 ~ Equipment is being installed and should be completed by the end of next week.

Homeowners at #501 mentioned that whoever moved the berm at Pumphouse #1 pushed up against the fence at least 4-6 Inches and on his sprinklers. Brian will use his Kubota to correct this. Brian will continue working on #501 when it cools off a little. 8/27/2024 ~ Brian has completed the groundwork and the homeowner is happy with that work.

Jerry mentioned that because of the excessive water flooding the homeowner on the east side of Pumphouse 1 has had pump his septic twice and needs to have another pumping. Motion to pay pumping: Colette Second: Kristie Passed The board approved paying for the next pumping, the homeowner will provide us with the statement for that pumping. 7/9/2024 ~ homeowners will have the third pumping once the ground dries out. 8/27/2024~ Septic was pumped on Saturday 8/24. Jerry will get a copy of the invoice for that pumping.

**New Business:**

Per Dennis's request there will be a Board Members Only meeting immediately following the 9/10/2024 meeting.

**Bookkeepers Report:**

36-month CD expired at the credit union the first of July. Dennis wants to know what the interest rate is for the money market at the credit union. Arny will find out and let him know. 8/27/2024 ~ Arny was provided information that we could roll the expired CD into a 7-month CD at 5%.

Motion to roll the CD into a 7-month CD at 5%: Jerry  
Second: Kristie Passed

#570 and #567 family members has reported that the homeowners have been moved into assisted living.

8/27/24~ # 580 sent an email asking about the attachments we should be sending with the emailed bills. Arny and Christy will get an email list together to and will send out the CCR and Quarterly Newsletters. We will continue to send out enclosures in bulk emails blind copied to those who received emailed statements.

8/27/2024~We will need to send the county the delinquent accounts and amounts due to turn people over to tax billing. We need to get those numbers together by the next meeting (9/10)

5/14/2024~ The gal who was doing our Audit went on emergency maternity leave. Arny is meeting with Clayton, Wednesday 5/28/2024 to determine the findings. Another audit will need to be completed by 12/31/2024 since our

project was not completed in one year. 6/11/2024 ~Arny will have hopefully a final meeting 6/13/2024 with WIPLI  
 6/25/2024~ Nothing from Clayton since June 13. 7/9/2024 ~ Arny needs to contact Clayton with Arny's bio. Arny will call him again tomorrow. 7/23/2024 ~ Clayton told Arny that the audit is in review. He doesn't know why we need another audit 24-25. Arny will call DNRC and verify. The board is under the impression an audit is needed each fiscal year.  
 8/27/24 ~ Nothing new to report.

#625 has not made a payment since June 2023. Current balance due is \$1,605.01 for water. That does not include the money that we forwarded her in 2020 for the leak. She is being notified that she will be terminated on 6/27/2024. She will not be turned back on until funds are received. 7/9/2024 ~said she is working with Neighbor Works. Board decision is unless we get confirmation from Neighbor Works or payment, she will be terminated 7/17/2024. 7/23/2024~water was turned off on 7/17/2024. Water was turned back on 7/20/2024. She stated that she will be receiving a check from Neighborworks on July 29. She she will contacting a board member once she has it. She will be hung on 7/29/2024 5:00 pm if we have not received this partial payment with termination on 8/1/2024 along with another turn on fee. 8/13/2024 ~ \$1,000.00 cash was received on 8/6/2024. 8/27/2024 ~ current payment due \$200.00

The following bills were reviewed:

Hawkins	\$ 613.14	Chlorine & Cylinders
City of Great Falls	\$ 26.00	Water Samples
Northwestern Energy	\$ 1,498.09	PH #2
Energy Labs	\$ 953.00	Water testing
	<b>\$ 3,090.23</b>	

Transfer fm Main to Bond Repayment \$6,500.00 Bond repayment  
 Motion to Pay the Bills as Read: Jerry  
 Second: Kristie Passed

**Delinquents:**

Payments are due 8/26/2024 Termination will be 8/28/2024. There are questions about the terminations. This was held off until the next meeting.

# 603	\$ 303.50	# 625	\$ 798.13	# 648	\$ 790.91	# 660	\$ 742.95
# 691	\$ 1050.68						

**Treasurer's Report:**

Nothing to Report. Kristie is still trying to get with Black Mountain and get access.

**General Manager's Report:**

- #509 has a billing issue. 8/27/24 ~ Issue unresolved due to an event like this happening about 18 months ago. No action to be taken until 9/10/2024 at which time we will request resubmittal of payment.
- DEQ notified us of a violation on combined radiums and gross alpha for the monitoring period of 4/1/24-6/30/2024. The letter dated 7/16/2024 and test results were published 7/16/2024. Brian is going to call DEQ and verify that any action is required. 8/27/2024 ~ Brian reported that we tested within the time frame, but did not report within the time frame. This update is due to the new wells. We will need to send out a letter acknowledging this 6 day
- #594 had a bad meter. This has been replaced.
- #600 needs a new meter. Brian has been trying to gain access to change.
- Distribution pump leak at PH #2 has been fixed again. This time with fiberglass infused epoxy.
- PH #2 injector hose replaced due to deformation.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 Jerry  
 Second: Kristie Passed

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 Dave Schuler  
 Vice - President

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 Christy Walter  
 Secretary